FOREST ORDER

USDA FOREST SERVICE BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA Hell Canyon Ranger District

FIRE CLOSURE Cold Fire Area

Pursuant to 16 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 551 and 36 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Cold Fire Area on the Black Hills National Forest, Custer County, South Dakota (the "Restricted Area") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area (the "Restricted Roads and Trails"). The Restricted Area and the Restricted Roads and Trails are depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this order as Exhibit A.

The Restricted Area is further defined as T04S R05e Sections 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34 and T05S R05e Sections 2 (except those lands within the se ¼ of the se ¼ within Wind Cave NP), 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, those USFS lands located in the NW ¼ of Section 11, and Sections 15, 16.

The purpose of this Order is to protect natural resources and public safety due to the impacts of the wildland fire.

PROHIBITIONS:

- 1) Going into or being upon the Restricted Area. 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e) and 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(e).
- 2) Being on the Restricted Roads. (NOTE: U.S. Highway 385 is specifically excluded from the Closure Area.) 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(e).
- 3) Being on the Restricted Trails. 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(a).

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1) Any federal, state or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty;
- Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
- 3) Local residents and landowners are specifically authorized to enter the area and news media with a Forest Service escort are specifically authorized in the closed area.

This order becomes effective upon signing, and remains in effect until rescinded, or through April 4, 2017, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Custer, South Dakota, this 4rd day of April, 2016.

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Forest Supervisor

Black Hills National Forest

Violations of these prohibitions are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for a legal entity other than an individual, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. § 551 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571).